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SUBJECT: EVALUATION - WILLIAM GORHAM

1. WILLIAM GORHAM, PRESIDENT, URBAN INSTITUTE. AMSPEC.
LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS: "POLICY RESEARCH FOR GOVERNMENT:
THE URBAN INSTITUTE," "URBAN PROBLEMS INCLUDING ISSUES OF
TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, CRIME, LAND USE AND SCHOOLING,"
"THE URBAN INSTITUTE AND ITS RELATION TO THE URBAN PLANNING
PROCESS," AND "THE GROWING ROLE OF POLICY RESEARCH IN SOCIAL
PUBLIC PROGRAM" JA-09 (PARTIAL).

2. QP-VG; ED-VG; AR-VG; RO-G; FLC-N/A.

3. OVER EIGHTY PERCENT OF GORHAM'S AUDIENCES OF
236 AT ALL SIX VENTERS WERE PRIMARY. THEY WERE LARGELY
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUSINESS LEADERS, ACADEMICIANS,
URBAN PLANNERS, ECONOMISTS.

4. GORHAM GAVE DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF CURRENT AMERICAN
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URBAN PROBLEMS AND ATTRIBUTED URBAN PREDICAMENT TO
FINANCES, HOUSING, CRIME, TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE,
EDUCATION, BUT WAS GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC TOWARD SEARCH
FOR SOLUTIONS. HE FOCUSSED ON POSSIBLE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION OF CENTRAL CITY
RESIDENTS, STRICTE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, MORE EVEN
DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS. NOTED THERE IS

AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR POLICY RESEARCH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS; AND GOOD COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL AMONG RESEARCHERS, LAW MAKERS AND DECISION MAKERS IN U.S. SOCIETY. GORHAM EXPLAINED WHY URBAN INSTITUTE IS NEEDED IN U.S., HOW IT FUNCTIONS, ITS SUBSTANTIAL EFFECT ON GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS FOR DEALING WITH URBAN AND SOCIAL ISSUES, SUCH AS HOUSING, ENERGY, MEDICAL AND WELFARE ISSUES, AND HOW INSTITUTE'S FINDINGS COULD BE USEFUL IN JAPAN.

5. DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND ASSESSMENT OF NEW TOWNS, RESTRICTING AUTOMOBILES IN CENTRAL CITIES, DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK MIDDLE CLASS, ROOSEVELT ISLAND. PARTICIPANTS EVIDENCED HIGH INTEREST IN ROLE OF RESEARCH IN URBAN PLANNING AND FUTURE OF THE CITY AND ITS SUBURBS. MEMBERS OF AUDIENCE POINTED OUT THAT JAPAN, UNLIKE U.S., LACKS FUNDING FOR POLICY RESEARCH AND MOBILITY AMONG GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACIES, RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES.

6. GORHAM'S DEEP EXCHANGES CREATED OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTINUED RELATIONSHIPS: (A) KYOTO UNIV, PROF. RECOMMENDED HIS FORMER STUDENT, WHO IS PRESENTLY STUDYING IN U.S., FOR SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR'S STUDY AT URBAN INSTITUTE, (B) DURING CONVERSATION AT NAC, U.N. DEVELOPMENT CENTER DIRECTOR ARRANGED TO MEET UNCLASSIFIED

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